IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. – 25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a surface decor for a trim part, the surface decor comprising a first region formed exclusively by a decor inlay and a second region formed by a cast skin,
comprising:

introducing the decor inlay into a space between upper and lower tools of a casting tool;

clamping an edging of the decor inlay between the upper and lower tools so that the edging projects into a cavity formed between the upper and lower tools and corresponding to the second region of the surface decor, a remaining portion of the decor inlay being accommodated outside of said cavity, the cavity being sealed at a location where the decor inlay is clamped between the upper and lower tools; and

filling the cavity between the upper and lower tools with a curing material including polyurethane to form the cast skin enclosing the edging after the decor inlay has been clamped between the upper and lower tools.

27. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein the trim part is an interior trim part for a motor vehicle.

28. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26 wherein ~~the curing material includes polyurethane and wherein~~ the cast skin resulting ~~therefrom~~ from the curing material has an average thickness of between approximately 0.7 mm and 1.5 mm.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, further comprising, depositing a paint layer remaining on the cast skin onto a surface of the lower tool before filling the cavity covering a portion of the decor inlay with a mask.

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein the lower tool is divided such that a first region accommodating the decor inlay is lowerable relative to a second region of the lower tool accommodating the cast skin.

31. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein the lower tool comprises a web along a line separatinq the cavity from non-edge portions of the decor inlay, wherein the edging of decor inlay is clamped between this web and the upper tool, the upper tool comprising a recess for the web.

32. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 31, wherein the web has at least one of (i) a width of between approximately 0.7 mm and 1.5 mm and (ii) a height of between approximately 3 mm and 10 mm.

33. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein the upper tool is divided such that a first region covering the decor inlay is liftable and lowerable relative to a second region separating non-edge regions of the decor inlay from the cavity.

34. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein decor inlay is held on one of the upper and lower tools by a vacuum.

35. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein the upper tool comprises a plurality of positioning pins, wherein the decor inlay is introduced into the casting tool with the edging bearing on the positioning pins.

36. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein the decor inlay forms a middle region of the surface decor encased peripherally by the cast skin.

37. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein the decor inlay is formed of one of leather, textile material and a polymer material.

38. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein a rear side of the decor inlay which is not visible when installed, includes one of a coating, a film and a blocking layer applied thereto.

39. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, wherein a rear side of the decor inlay which is not visible when installed, consists of a foam-tight material.

40. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 31, wherein a joint is created by the web and wherein a region formed between the cast skin and non-edge regions of the decor inlay is pushed together to reduce the joint to a disappearing gap after removal of the surface decor from the casting tool.

41. – 46. (Cancelled)